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To whom it may concern,

The government's proposed settlement with Microsoft is much too lenient, to the point of being almost criminal.

Microsoft had its day in court and was found guilty of anti-competitive behavior. There is no telling how many people were hurt because of its actions, not just the people who worked for the companies that were bullied out of the marketplace, but consumers as well.

Microsoft could be the poster-boy for why there is government oversight and regulation. It has proven itself to be one of the most rapacious of American corporations, the embodiment of profit over ethics, time and time again. It is remorseless in its mission of wiping out fair competition.

The punishment must fit the crime, if we the public are to have any confidence in our institutions, especially in these times when a Republican administration is seen, rightly or wrongly, as being soft on corporate ethics. The public is well aware that Microsoft attorneys stalled the case until a new administration was installed.

I've lived in countries where the public had no confidence in their governmental and judicial systems -- those are sad and scary places.

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